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SUBJECT: FRG AID POLICY TOWARD INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 10401

1. SUMMARY: FRG AID TO INDIA NOT INFLUENCED BY CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS IN THAT COUNTRY. OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN IS RESERVED ON QUESTION OF CONTINUED GERMAN AID. WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL WARNS THAT RECESSION, IF UNRELIEVED IN COMING MONTHS, WILL FORCE GLOBAL CUTBACK IN FRG AID LEVELS. AUTUMN BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON FRG FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS LIKELY TO COVER INDIAN CASE IN DETAIL. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUST 12 PRESS REPORTS STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN FOR MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT INDIAN INTERNAL EVENTS ARE NO CAUSE FOR FRG TO ALTER ITS PRESENT AID PROGRAM. SAME DATE PRESS CARRIED STATEMENT BY CDU/CSU FOREIGN AID SPOKESMAN EXPRESSING "GREAT CONCERN" OVER COURSE OF INDIAN POLITICS AND TAKING RESERVED STANCE ON ISSUE OF FURTHER GERMAN AID.

3. PRINCIPAL FRG OFFICIALS WHO HANDLE AID TO INDIA ARE ON VACATION. EMBOFF AUG. 13 RAISED QUESTION (REF) WITH LOWER-LEVEL MEMBERS OF MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (DR. WACUP) AND FOREIGN MINISTRY (HEHNBERGER). BOTH WERE MILDLY SURPRISED AT QUESTION AND OPINED THAT EVENTS WHICH SURFACED IT ARE "PURELY INDIAN MATTER" WITH NO BEARING ON LEVEL OR CONTINUATION OF FRG AID. THEY STRESSED THAT FRG HAS NOT REVIEWED ITS AID TO INDIA SINCE ONSET OF CRISIS AND, TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE, HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. DR. WACUP GAVE PERSONAL VIEW THAT GERMAN RECESSION, IF UNCHECKED, WILL EVENTUALLY FORCE GLOBAL CUTBACK IN FRG AID PROGRAMS.

4. WEST GERMAN PRESS FOLLOWS INDIAN SCENE CLOSELY AND WITH CONCERN. MAJOR ARTICLE IN INFLUENTIAL FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, AUG. 12, ANALYZED PROS AND CONS OF CONTINUED FRG AID TO INDIA, AND CONCLUDED THAT FRG SHOULD HOLD TO PRESENT COURSE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL (I.E., CONSORTIUM OBLIGATIONS) REASONS. SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENTLY, ARTICLE NOTED ALSO THAT FRG CANNOT HENCEFORTH ACT "AS IF NOTHING IN INDIA HAS CHANGED."

5. QUESTION OF AID TO INDIA LIKELY TO GET FURTHER AIRING DURING MAJOR BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON FRG FOREIGN AID THIS FALL.

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